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HAULS STANDARD OVER THE COALS

Wickersham Argues Case Before Supreme Court

**Attorney General Declares Present Organization Perfected
In 1899 For Sole Purpose Of Evading Provisions
Of Sherman Anti-Trust Act—Cites Northern Securities
Decision To Prove Cry Of Disastrous Results From
Dissolution Order Is A Bluff**

Washington, March 17.—The supreme court, after listening for three days to the arguments of counsel, took under advisement the appeal of the Standard oil company from the decree of the federal court at St. Louis ordering the dissolution of the corporation because of its violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

That this, together with the dissolution suit against the American Tobacco company, argued a few weeks ago, is the most important case ever before the court, was the opinion expressed by Attorney General Wickersham.

David T. Watson of Pittsburgh for the Standard devoted himself largely to the legal side of the case, contending that the company was not a violator of the anti-trust law and that it was never intended to prevent the combinations of capital which were necessary under modern business conditions.

Wickersham is severe. Referring to the methods of the Standard in compelling rebates from the great railways, Attorney General Wickersham said it was no wonder that with all those advantages the company prospered, but he denounced them as the most iniquitous ever practiced in the history of the world. The present form of the company under its organization of 1899, he declared, was made with the purpose of

evading the consequences of the Sherman act. Reverting to the cry that a decision against the company would be disastrous to the business world, Mr. Wickersham said that cry had been heard before when the Northern Securities company had been brought to book, and nothing of the kind had happened.

ABANDONS THE FIGHT

Washington, March 17.—The proposed fight to oust Tim Woodruff from the chairmanship of the New York Republican state committee before the state convention in September has been abandoned by Senator Root and his supporters in Washington. This was made known authoritatively after Senator Root had conferred with State Senator Davenport, who apparently had come to Washington representing the Hughes forces at Albany.

Mount Rwenzori. Mount Rwenzori, in equatorial Africa, is about 20,000 feet high, has twenty miles of glaciers and is nearly always cloud covered.

GEORGIANS DON'T ENTHUSE OVER COMMANDER PEARY

Atlanta, Ga., March 17.—"If I had known I was persona non grata," said Commander Peary on his arrival here. "I would not have permitted any engagements to be made for me in Atlanta or elsewhere in Georgia."

The attitude of the public is not very friendly to Peary. Both the Constitution and the Journal carry editorials criticizing Peary for not submitting proofs to congress and saying Peary has only himself to blame for the criticism he is receiving.

Fire Damages Bottle Plant. Newark, O., March 17.—Damage to the amount of \$75,000 was done by fire to the plant of the American Bottle company here.

FAME PRECEDES TEDDY
Is Given Noisy Reception by Derivatives at Omdurman. Khartoum, March 17.—The "king of America," as the natives here call Colonel Roosevelt, visited the ancient city of Omdurman, the former Dervish capital, with a population of nearly twelve times that of Khartoum.

The fame of the great hunting king had preceded Mr. Roosevelt, and preparations had been made to give him a sounding welcome. Local sheiks, in gorgeous robes of crimson, blue and yellow, awaited at the landing stage. The men seized drums and beat them with vigorous monotony, while the women began the dance of welcome, increasing the hubbub of the drums by their characteristic cries, known as lu-lu-lu.

Taft Coaches Himself. Chicago, March 17.—President Taft reached here this morning, and tonight will deliver an address before the Irish Fellowship club, standing on real Irish sod while speaking. It is said that on the trip from Washington the president read a history of Ireland and a life of St. Patrick in order to prepare himself for the evening's address.

KILLED HIS WIFE

Raleigh, N. C., March 17.—Claude Young, brother of Police Chief Young at Rockingham, N. C., seized a shotgun and fired at his wife and attending physician, who were conversing six feet away from him. The shot killed his wife. Young has been ill for two weeks and was irrational at the time of the shooting.

London Aldermen. An alderman of the city of London holds office for life.

Bail Substitute In Egypt. In Egypt persons placed under police supervision and unable to find the security demanded for future good behavior are employed, if they so desire, in cultivation or other work at a daily wage.

Census Enumerator at Work; Soon to Be Seen Throughout Country



Scenes like that shown in the accompanying picture will be very common in the United States any time after April 15, when the census enumerators will begin the work of numbering the people.

PRIEST GETS COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE BLACKHAND

Canton, O., March 17.—Rev. Father J. Adolph Cucianelli, D. D., has resigned the pastorate of the St. Anthony's Italian Roman Catholic church to fulfill an appointment to investigate the Italian situation in America, in an effort to get at the root of Italian crime, particularly Black Hand outrages. It is a task that will require about four years to complete, and when the report of the findings is

finally made to the pope it will contain suggestions for the remedy of those conditions from a religious standpoint.

Hoppe Defeats Sutton. Chicago, March 17.—Willie Hoppe defeated George Sutton in the contest for the 181 championship, the diamond emblem and a side bet of \$250. The final score was: Hoppe, 500; Sutton, 225.

OFFICERS ON WILD CHASE

Zanesville, O., March 17.—John Baker, arrested at Paulding for connection with the murder of Paymaster George Evans here last week, was not identified by Sheriff Smitley and Chief Arter. The two officials have gone to Huntington, Ind., where another suspect is being held.

Connolly Easy For Mahmoud. Columbus, O., March 17.—Yuseff Mahmoud, the Turk, in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match, twice threw Pat Connolly, said to be an Irish champion, the first fall in 16 minutes 56 seconds and the second in 15 minutes 8 seconds.

At Tahlequah, I. T., Mrs. Carrie Tipton and Miss Carrie Eubanks fought a harmless revolver duel over the former's husband.

The tipping system has been abolished in the United States senate restaurant and hereafter the waiters will draw regular salaries.

TILLMAN ABLE TO WALK

Washington, March 17.—Senator Tillman has improved to such an extent that he went to the capitol in a taxicab before taking the train for his home in South Carolina. He was able to walk unassisted.

THIS AND THAT

Consul Junior, the famous stage monkey, died at Dallas, Tex., of pneumonia.

Burglars relieved the vault in the Van Buren (Ind.) bank of \$2,000 of its treasure.

Jesse Jones, a prisoner in the Kansas City (Mo.) jail, was shot to death while trying to escape.

An electric elevator has been installed in the stairway leading to the dome of St. Peter's in Rome.

John A. Hart, quarterback of the Sumners college of Abilene, Tex., is dead of injuries received in a game last October.

THE FIREMEN'S STRIKE OPPOSED BY ENGINEERS

Chicago, March 17.—The disciplinary and seniority demands of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Engineers are meeting with strong opposition from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

The date of the strike of the 30,000 firemen and engineers on 42 western railroads has been set for March 21, unless the mediation of the government is successful.

Men would meet opposition from the engineers said: "The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is now working under an agreement with the railroads which the demands of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers would nullify. We are opposed to the granting of the two demands of the firemen regarding seniority and representation, and regard them as hitting directly at our own organization."

HOPE CENTERED AROUND SENATOR

Penrose Hastens to Philadelphia to Adjust Strike.

FEAR WALKOUTS OVER STATE

Rapid Transit Officials and Labor Leaders Quit Calling Each Other Names and Settle Down to Business of Reaching Agreement — Pratt Meets Vice President of Company and Outlines Demands That Will Be Insisted Upon by Union.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Senator Boise Penrose is expected to arrive here today from Washington, and it is predicted that announcement of end of the car strike will be made a few hours after his arrival. The possibility of a statewide strike will give Senator Penrose his entrance. That threat aroused increased interest when it became known that union labor in Pittsburgh, Erie and Wilkesbarre had voted to go out next Wednesday, provided the car strike here is not settled before that time.

The Rapid Transit company and the striking carmen have quit calling names and have begun to talk reasonably of each other. There are only two points between them, neither wants the public to believe that it took the initiative. The real stumbling block as developed was whether all of the men shall be taken back.

Wolf Confers With Pratt

Clarence Wolf, vice president of the company, talked the matter over with C. O. Pratt, leader of the car strikers. Pratt made a definite proposition. He said that the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company would not be asked to recognize unionism provided it agreed to take back in employment all of the men who went out, including those who were fired for no other reason except for the "good of the service."

The only specification the union insisted on was that hereafter the P. R. T. deal with the union through a committee. The proposition was not made in writing, although it will be so submitted today. Pratt talked things over and left no doubt as to what the carmen would continue to demand.

If, as is now believed, peace will be patched upon these terms, the agreement would mean that the company would have to discharge all of the strikebreakers hired since Feb. 19, perhaps 2,000 men. It would be permitted to keep the members of the Keystone union, about 1,400, who refused to strike and who have been most serviceable in manning cars throughout the trouble. The company would be permitted by the Amalgamated union to deal with the Keystone people as individuals.

INSURGENTS KEEP UP FIGHT ON BILL

Say They Are Real Defenders of Roosevelt's Railroad Policies.

Washington, March 17.—In their fight against the administration's railroad bill, the senate insurgents are trying to create the impression they are the real defenders of the Roosevelt policies, so far as interstate commerce legislation is concerned. Their intention to tax the administration with backsliding from the Roosevelt standards was apparent when they contended that the present bill, drawn by the attorney general and endorsed by President Taft, would emasculate the rate bill forced through congress by President Roosevelt in 1906.

Section 7 of the present bill, which legalizes traffic agreements, was the chief subject of contention in the senate. Senator Cummins of Iowa, who led the debate against the administration measure, and his followers contended that this section repeals the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law as applied by railroads. They declared that while President Roosevelt and the last Republican national platform had declared for legislation permitting traffic agreements, they had never contemplated agreements without the approval of the interstate commerce commission.

Senator Aldrich denied that the bill would repeal the anti-trust law, because the commission would still have the right to pass on the reasonableness of a rate, but Senator Bailey accepted the insurgents' view and taxed Senator Aldrich with having that purpose in view when the bill was reported.

CHARGES TAKE TANGIBLE FORM

Judge Winters Tells Experience With Telephone Lobby

**Is Nearly Routed To Death—Says Attack Began When
Letters Poured In Urging Him To Vote For Eason Bill
—Then He Was Invited To Visit Big Men Behind
Alleged Deal—Day Vote Was Taken He Was Offered
Anything He Wanted For His Vote**

Columbus, O., March 17.—Numerous charges that the passage of the Eason telephone bill in the house was due to the pernicious activity of the alleged telephone lobby began to assume definite shape when Judge Cyrus B. Winters, representative from Erie county, in an authorized interview told of being called to a prominent office building in Columbus by the big men behind the lobby and, finally, on the day the vote was taken, of having been approached by lesser lobbyists and told that they could help him, and that he could have anything he wanted if he would vote for the measure.

In discussing the activity of the lobby Judge Winters said: "Soon after the measure was introduced letters began coming to me urging me to support the bill. Every writer seemed to think it was a matter of life and death that I support it. My suspicions were aroused and my investigation disclosed the fact that practically all the letter writers were either holders of telephone stock or expected to profit by the passage of the bill."

When Trouble Started.

"Lobbyists began coming to me, insisting that I support the bill. My refusal only made them more persistent. That these lobbyists were prepared to resort to doubtful methods to pass the bill I have no doubt."

"Finally I was called to a room in a Columbus office building, where the real lobbyists—the ones who stay behind the scenes and tell the other fellows what to do—were congregated. I again refused to support the bill. "On the afternoon the bill was up for passage I was called from my seat to answer a long-distance call. There was no call—but the lobbyists had called me out and again tried to influence me to support the bill. I again refused. 'Support the bill,' they said, 'and we can help you. You can have anything you want.' I went back to my seat and voted against the bill."

ELSON BILL IN DOUBT

Senators Object to Alleged Questionable Acts of Lobby.

Columbus, O., March 17.—Unless all signs fall the Elson telephone merger bill, passed in the house and now resting in the senate committee on railroads, will have a hard time getting through the upper branch of the state legislature, even though it be amended so as to curb the watering of stocks and bonds.

Senator Tuttle of Columbus declares that he would not vote for the bill. "The bill comes to us through trickery and I will not support it. If it was sent back to the house and passed fairly, I might vote for it after it had been amended to control and regulate the issuance of stocks and bonds, but not until then," said Senator Tuttle.

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WORK OF BLACK HAND

Ravenna, O., March 17.—Discovery of the body of a young unidentified Italian on the farm of A. W. Eskert, near Ravenna, is thought to reveal the fourth Black Hand crime in Portage county within a year. In three previous cases the victims were found dead in a similar way, and their murderers escaped.

MAY BECOME LOST ART

High Prices of Hogs Shut Down Chicago Slaughter Pens.

Chicago, March 17.—Hog killing at the Union stockyards is at the lowest notch in over a quarter of a century and prices rule the highest, at \$11 a hundred, with the prospect of a further rise, much to the joy of the farmers in the great agricultural territory tributary to Chicago. Owing to the unprecedented scarcity of hogs several packers have shut down their big slaughtering pens rather than pay the heavy prices for swine.

Train Kills Schoolgirl.

Marion, O., March 17.—Maud Peeling, 15, was killed by a Big Four freight train while on her way to school.

SCALDED TO DEATH

Columbus, O., March 17.—Scalded by the bursting of a hot water pipe which showered him with boiling water Charles Stokes, 40, fireman in the boiler room at the E. Doddington company's plant, was found dead by fellow workmen.

Beats Marriott's Time. Daytona, Fla., March 17.—Barney Oldfield is the world's speed champion. The great driver traveled the fastest mile ever covered by a human, doing a mile in 27 1-3 seconds, breaking the previous mark held by Marriott in a steamer, 28 1-5, made here four years ago.

WHOLESALE MURDER

Houston, Tex., March 17.—A policeman broke into the home of Tad Schultz and found the dead bodies of Schultz, his young wife, two children and Walter Elshman, a printer. Elshman was a boarder at the Schultz home. It is not known when the wholesale murder and suicide took place.

Canadian Indians. Canada has 100,000 Indians among her population of 6,000,000. The government has isolated them as wards of the nation in reserves which are scattered all over the Dominion.